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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMB. LEARSON

FROM US LOS DEL

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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT FOR THE SECRETARY

REF: STATE 19098

1. COMMITTEE I: CI WORKSHOP APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE
YESTERDAY CREATION OF NEGOTIATING GROUP OF AROUND
TWENTY-FOUR MEMBERS, TO MEET IN OPEN FORUM, WITH MANDATE
TO NEGOTIATE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION. COMPOSITION OF
GROUP FROM G-77 SIDE HAS NOT BEEN AGREED, ALTHOUGH DC
MEMBERS WILL PROBABLY BE US, USSR, JAPAN, FRANCE, UK,
FRG, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, POLAND, CZECHOSLAVIKIA, GDR,
NORWAY. WE BELIEVE LDC INTEREST IN MAKING NEGOTIATING
GROUP EFFECTIVE IS HIGH ENOUGH TO RAISE POSSIBILITY THAT
ANY COMPROMISES REACHED IN GROUP MIGHT BE CONDITIONALLY
APPROVED BY CONSENSUS AND EFFECTIVELY FROZEN FROM FUTURE
NEGOTIATION IN CI. ACCORDINGLY, AS SOON AS GROUP BEGINS
MEETING, US DEL MAY BE REQUIRED TO DECIDE WHETHER TO
STONEWALL ON ACCESS SYSTEM OR ENGAGE IN SERIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS.

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2. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: INFORMAL PLENARY SPENT ENTIRE

DAY ON ART. 18 EXCEPTIONS TO DISPUTE SETTLEMENT RELATING
TO THE ECONOMIC ZONE. LATINS TOOK A CLOSELY COORDINATED
APPROACH TO EXCLUDE ALL DISPUTES IN THE ZONE EXCEPT FREEDOMS
SPECIFIED IN ART. 46 OF PART II. EUROPEANS, LED BY
NETHERLANDS, TOOK SIMILAR APPROACH WITH BROAD EXCEPTIONS
RELATING TO ANY NON-COMPLIANCE WITH CONVENTION, INFRINGEMENT
OF REGRETS OF OTHER STATES, ULTRA VIRES ACTS OR ABUSE OF
RIGHTS BY COASTAL STATES. US, JAPAN AND EASTERN EUROPEANS
ADOPTED FUNCTIONAL APPROACH CONTAINED IN RSNT, WITH
BROADER EXCEPTIONS, INCLUDING CONSERVATION AND
UTILIZATION OF LIVING RESOURCES.
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